

**Amendments to the Specification**

On page 1, line 1, change the title as follows.

~~Operating Device Having a Light Detector~~

Soil Compaction Device Having a Light Detector

Page 3, lines 10 and 11, substitute the paragraph with the following:

This and other advantages of the present invention are explained in more detail below

with the help of an example illustrated in the drawings in which:

Fig. 1 schematically shows a schematic plan view of soil compaction device guided by a guide handle on which a control element constructed in accordance with the present invention is attached; and

Fig.2 schematically shows a plan view of the guide handle of Fig. 1~~the figure.~~

Page 3, lines 18 and 19, substitute the paragraph with the following:

~~The single figure~~ Fig. 2 shows a schematic plan view of a guide handle 1, which is the control element attached at a point not shown to a soil compaction device 10 (Fig. 1) to be operated.